THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Certain areas such as development of important identified stations, setting up of manufacturing units for rolling stock, infrastructure projects for port connectivity through Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) and several activities in catering/tourism and hospitality areas have been identified for possible execution through public-private partnership route.

The plans for XI Five Year Plan include mobilization of Rs. 75,000 crores through extra-budgetary resources including Public- Private Partnership.

(b) All railway projects involve long gestation periods and this fact is integral to planning and execution of railway projects within the constraints of funds.

Accident claims

2150. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Railway claims tribunals are functioning in India, which adjudicate admissibility of claims in stray cases of accidents involving individuals;

(b) whether the Mumbai-based such tribunal is not functioning since November, 2007, resulting in delay for providing relief to such accident victims;

(c) what is the number of accident claim cases settled in 2007 and total amount paid, tribunal-wise;

(d) how many cases are pending, tribunal-wise; and

(e) how may have been pending for more than six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There are 21 Benches of Railway Claims Tribunal which adjudicate claims cases at 19 places.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) A Statement is attached (*See* below).

(e) 18539 cases (untoward incidents) are pending for more than six months.

Statement

Accident Claims

Name of the Railway Claims Tribunals	No. of claims cases (untoward incidents) settled in 2007	Amount Decreed (Figs. in Rs.)	No. of cases pending at the end of Oct. 2008
1	2	3	4
*Delhi	105	16,075,000	322
Chandigrah	114	23,840,000	387
Lucknow	394	79,169,000	3694

1	2	3	4
Gorakhpur	62	16,958,000	2072
Ghaziabad	288	75,477,000	1217
*Kolkata	159	36,085,896	1153
Bhubneshwar	126	28,490,338	735
Guwahati	36	9,445,000	257
Patna	52	10,277,000	2375
Ranchi	18	2,160,000	453
Mumbai	554	104,988,000	4288
Ahmedabad	66	7,525,000	1411
Bhopal	81	24,400,000	1277
Jaipur	168	54,413,000	461
Nagpur	70	17,200,000	446
Chennai	167	57,750,000	315
Bangalore	190	45,123,000	314
Secunderabad	349	47,860,000	1890
Ernakulam	107	32,613,000	113
TOTAL :	3106	689,849,234	23180

* Two benches at Delhi & Kolkata.

V-Satellite hub

2151. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways have set up V-Satellite hub to provide V-SAT connectivity to remote and inaccessible locations for operation requirement in the agency areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of such V-SAT hubs, location-wise; and

(c) the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Railway has-setup V-SAT Hub to provide data connectivity primarily for Freight Operation Information System (FOIS) in remote & inaccessible locations over Indian Railway including areas of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The V-SAT Hub has been installed at Thomson Road, New Delhi & till now 223 remote V-SAT locations over Indian Railways have been connected to it. In Andhra Pradesh a total of 20 V-SAT Terminals have been provided as per details given at Statement (*See* below).